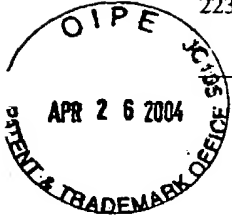


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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability included with the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due form dated January 22, 2004 included an Examiner's Amendment resulting from a telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned on December 15, 2003. It is believed that the Examiner's Amendment omits several changes which had been discussed during the interview, for example deletion of the phrases "capable of" and "are adapted" in claim 25, and contains various errors in reference to line numbers where changes are to be effected, for example, the phrases "are adapted" and "adapted to" do not appear at lines 13 and 14, respectively, in claim 27 as indicated in the Examiner's Amendment. Accordingly, **Amendments to the Claims** as discussed in the aforementioned telephone interview are set forth in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. The Listing of Claims includes the changes from the Examiner's Amendment which are correctly referenced.